

Statement of Governor Haley Barbour  
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When I ran for Governor in 2003, I identified the foster care program in the Department of Human Services as one of the worst managed programs in state government. This lawsuit, filed two months after I took office, was an attempt to deal judicially with a multitude of problems we had begun to address administratively.

Over the past three years many corrective steps have been taken, but there is still a long way to go. This settlement will allow all parties to work constructively toward real, lasting solutions in the delivery of foster care services. My intention is to continue working within the agreed upon parameters so we can give children the caring, loving attention they deserve.

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